From: Rob Romero
To: Keith, Kirsten
Subject: RE: menlo city budget
Date: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 10:38:59 AM

Thanks Kirsten.

Separately, I'm working on a foundation that will fund a civic service leadership program, with a goal to reward mayors (then governors, and small-country leaders) for their success in delivering fiscally sound budgets and making tough decisions fighting budget creep. Would you be interested in hearing about this?

Rob

From: Kirsten Keith [mailto:kkeith@menlopark.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 12:36 AM
To: Rob Romero <RRomero@connectcap.com>
Subject: Re: menlo city budget

Hello Rob,

Thank you for your email. I understand your concern.

SB 1250 will be on our May 23, 2017, City Council agenda. I am on the Board of Directors for the League of California Cities, which has taken a position of opposition to SB 1250.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Kirsten Keith,
Mayor of Menlo Park
On Mon, May 1, 2017 at 8:47 AM Rob Romero <RRomero@connectcap.com> wrote:

> Dear City Council,
>
> At the rate pension and other costs are going up in Menlo park and other cities, it will be impossible for our children and their children to bear the burden we are constructing. I want them to be able to live in Menlo park, but that requires us to stop one-way no return "you can hire but you can't fire" mode of public employees. Public employees serve us well, but we must grow our city rationally.
>
> Lee Duboc makes a lot of sense here
>
> Best,
>
> Rob Romero

Oppose Bill to Balloon City Costs

Fellow Residents,

Why isn't our City Council supporting their organization, the League of California Cities, and actively opposing AB 1250?

This bill would essentially eliminate all contracted services, increase the number of unionized public employees, increase costs and pension liabilities and further burden cities with a plethora of new regulations.

Urging action, the The League of California Cities writes:

> The workload, privacy concerns, costs and litigation created by this measure places an overwhelming and significant burden on nearly every city department and would create a de facto ban on virtually all contracting services. [think tree trimming, Outstanding Swim Program, many recreational programs, legal services, consultants etc etc.]

This bill was described in an editorial by the Mercury News as a

> Union-Sponsored Bill with the clear intent: Increasing the number of public employees, who would be members of unions, rather than looking at outside services that could be more cost-effective.

On Tuesday, our City Council will vote to support bills that regulate marijuana consumption and impairment while driving. An easy no brainer which everyone will support.

The question is: Why isn't AB 1250, called a HOT bill by the League, also on the agenda and getting the same attention?

If you agree that AB1250 must be actively defeated, let city council members and the city manager know by emailing city.council@menlopark.org.

Thanks, and sincerely, Lee Duboc (menlofuture@gmail.com)

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Best regards,

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